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14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As I write to you before the summer break, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your support across this academic year.

I would like to recognise that all the hard work of parents, staff and students is paying off with another year of outstanding individual and group achievements to be proud of. Student achievements have been vast and varied and I am proud of the Academy and the way in which we have continued to instil our core ethos of Opportunity, Belief and Aspiration for all.

At the end of this Academy year, we say ‘goodbye’ to a number of staff who are leaving us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lloyd (Maths), Miss Liddiard (Business), Ms Dewes (Science), Mr Spencer (Maths), Miss Swart (Geography), Mrs Brennan (Business) for all they have done to help and support our students during their time here and to wish them every success in the future.

I am also pleased to be able to welcome the following new staff to the Academy from September 2023: Mrs Gray (Assistant Principal) Miss Farhadian (English – Lead practitioner), Miss Mantey (RE), Mr Thurgood (Business), Mr Harrington (English), Ms Reid (Geography), Mr Tetteh (Maths), Mr Binmore (Maths).

### **Returning to Academy September 2023**

Following our successful move to a Year group-based Pastoral System, we are continuing with this system for 2023/24. Key staff for each group are:

<i>From Sept 2023</i>	<b>Head of Year</b>	<b>Year Support Assistant</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Mme A Hammad	Mrs T Reid
<b>Year 8</b>	Mr D McMillan	Mrs F Elliott
<b>Year 9</b>	Miss A Wardell	Miss L Kendrick
<b>Year 10</b>	Mrs C Davies	Mrs D Wright
<b>Year 11</b>	Mrs T Conway	Miss V Stevens
<b>OBA6</b>	Mrs H Manji	Mrs H Parkes

### **Final Day of Term – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

On the final day of term, students will follow their normal timetable until 11:35. They will then be celebrating the end of the academic year with their tutor group, as well as a year group assembly.

The final day of term is a non-uniform day, however please can I remind you that your child should be dressed appropriately for lessons. Shoulders must be covered and any shorts or skirts must be an appropriate length for the Academy.

Students will be dismissed from the Academy at 1:45pm for the Summer holidays.

### **Start of term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

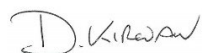
The Academy re-opens for the start of the new academic year for students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The timings are as follows:

8:30am	Year 7	Entrance through the front Academy doors
8:30am	Year 12	Entrance through the front Academy doors
8:30am	Atlantis House (all students)	Entrance at Atlantis House
8:50am	Years 8 to 11 and 13	Entrance through the student gates and year bases: Year 8 - Yellow Base Year 9 - Blue Base Year 10 - Teal Base Year 11 - Green Base Year 13 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Base

Please check the uniform standards and requirements which are published on our website to ensure a smooth start to the academic year for your child.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last academic year and wish you a restful and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely



Dennis Kirwan  
Principal